

STATE POLITICS

The Situation Is Getting More Interesting in Illinois as the Time for Settling Things Draws Nigh.

Both Parties Have Bands of Progressives Who Are Making a Pile of Noise Just Now.

Ray C. West, chairman of the Deane campaign, has no fear of the result.

"The field in the race for the Republican nomination for governor is now closed," said Mr. West. "It is apparent that there is no choice for the voters except between Governor Deane and Mr. Lorimer, plus Mr. Lorimer's candidates. There is no middle selection possible. A vote for a 'fortiori' candidate is in reality a vote in the interest of Mr. Lorimer. Voters must choose between the governor and one of the tame flock enlisted under the banner of bipartisanship. Some of the Lorimer candidates are in consultation with him; others do not know they are being used by him. No matter what his personal choice may be, the sincere voter will hesitate before he votes against Governor Deane, who is the logical candidate of men believing in honest government. He has the record, the following and the organization to win in this the most important crisis which the state has faced in a generation."

Governor Deane talked freely of his campaign work.

"I have enjoyed the work extremely," said the state executive. "We went along so rapidly that it was a test of physical endurance, but I have come out of it in good health. I was greatly surprised and pleased with the large numbers that gathered at the meetings during the cold and stormy weather and with the interest manifested."

"This will be a great year in politics, and I think that greater interest has been displayed than I have noticed in my experience heretofore. I have made a number of state-wide campaigns, and we have had larger audiences during this campaign than any I have had even at the nomination during presidential years. It is plain that the primary law has created a new interest in our politics, and that the beneficial results of the law will far exceed the expectations of those who advocated it."

Following is the political calendar for 1915.

March 25, 1915—Last day for filing Municipal judge petitions.

April 2, 1915—Aldermanic election.

April 9, 1915—Primary for offices to be filled at fall election.

April 15, 1915—County convention.

April 17, 1915—Congressional convention.

April 19, 1915—State conventions.

November 5, 1915—General election.

Following are the offices to be filled in 1911 and 1915:

April 2, 1915—One alderman from each ward.

November 5, 1915—President and vice-president of the United States, twenty-seven presidential electors, governor, secretary of state, attorney general, lieutenant governor, state treasurer, auditor, three university trustees, members of congress, member of the legislature, one state senator from even numbered senatorial district, state's attorney, president of the county board, and fifteen members of board, recorder of deeds, circuit court clerk, superior court clerk, coroner, member of board of review, two members of county board of assessors, nine judges of the municipal court, three sanitary trustees.

The telephone trust must go.

MUNICIPAL NEWS

Some Items of Interest From the Public Offices About Occurrences of the Week.

Delay in completing the report on the valuation of the elevated roads was caused by the failure of Prof. George F. Swain of Harvard, the representative of the companies, to reach the city. Mr. Swain sent word to his associates that he could not get here until March 25, and it is probable that it will take some time after his arrival for the experts to agree on the figures.

the construction of the first two piers of the proposed outer harbor.

Referred to the license committee a proposed ordinance to require all persons engaged in electrical construction work to obtain permits.

Referred to the gas, oil and electric light committee Alderman Pringle's suggestion that flaming arc lamps be placed at least thirty feet from the ground.

At Monday night's meeting of the City Council plans were approved for the harbor district No. 1 as proposed by the harbor, wharves and bridges committee, and the improvement now awaits action by the voters on the \$5,000,000 bond issue April 2. Harbor district No. 1 lies between the Chicago river and Chicago avenue, and the plans provide for two years.

Mayor Harrison sent the appointment of Ray Palmer as city electrician to succeed William Carroll to the council and it was approved. The position carries a salary of \$6,500 a year.

A committee to investigate the collection and disposal of garbage and dead animals was authorized, with instructions to visit other cities and report May 15.

A conference looking toward an amicable solution of the litigation over the removal of the Lake street, Jackson boulevard and Metropolitan bridges will be held in the offices of Mayor Harrison Monday at 2 o'clock. The meeting was decided upon at the Union League Club. The following were appointed a committee to effect a settlement: Mayor Harrison, to represent the city; United States Engineer Colonel George A. Zinn, President Thomas A. Smyth of the Sanitary District, Harry A. Wheeler and E. U. Kimbark, Association of Commerce; L. E. McGann, Commissioner of Public Works; Thomas Rodd, chief engineer of the Pennsylvania road, and a representative of the Metropolitan, and M. R. Graham, architect for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The city council attacked the validity of the telephone franchise held by the Illinois Tunnel Company, when the aldermen passed a resolution to protect the city's rights at the sale of the tunnel properties, which has been set for March 25 by the federal court. The resolution declared that the city has information that the phone company did not have 20,000 bona fide telephones in operation June 2, 1911, as required by the franchise grant, and gave warning to prospective purchasers that the franchise and property might be forfeited to the city.

A "nearside" car, just received in Chicago for the Chicago City Railway Company, is so arranged that passengers alight and enter at the front end, the car always stopping on the near side of the street. The arrangement gives the motorman clear view of passengers leaving and entering the car, leaving the attention of the conductor for the passengers inside. More seating room is supplied by arranging seats in the rear of the car, where space is usually reserved for an entrance and for the conductor.

Received an opinion from the corporation counsel declaring that the Chicago Telephone Company can be forced to install telephone meters if the chairman of the finance committee, the commissioner of public works and the corporation counsel decide that a practicable meter is available. Passed resolutions calling on the Secretary of War to permit the use of the government pier and other city and government property for the use of the yacht clubs during this summer's water pageant.

Scores of five-cent theaters have been built, it was asserted, in direct violation of the building code. Investigators for the Civil Service Commission have been making an investigation of the theaters and probably will finish their work in a few days. It is reported that many serious violations have been found.

Passed an ordinance giving Mandel Brothers the right to occupy Holden court at a rental of \$13,000 a year. Set April 4 for the next meeting. Adopted the plans of the harbor, wharves and bridges committee for

Alderman Frank P. Danisch is seeking to prevent or at least restrict the sale of impure or suspiciously cheap candles. He is at present working on an ordinance aiming at this end and will introduce it before the health committee of the city council and urge favorable action on it.

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Albert J. Hopkins stands foremost among the Republican leaders of Illinois. His long and brilliant record is known to all.

Judge Edward O. Brown has won the admiration and confidence of both bench and bar in Cook County by his long and brilliant record.

No man on the Municipal Court bench has made a cleaner or abler record than Judge John R. Caverly.

Judge Dunne has opened headquarters in the Hotel Sherman. William L. O'Connell is in charge.

Alderman Michael Molnerney should prove an easy winner for congress in the Fourth District. He is a born campaigner and has a legion of friends and admirers.

William E. Mason looks like a sure winner for one of those Republican nominations for congressman-at-large.

Joseph C. Blaha, member of the legislature, Nineteenth district, will have no trouble in being re-nominated and re-elected. His splendid record is well known to the people and he will receive large pluralities both at the primaries and at the polls on election day.

George W. Paullin is putting up a magnificent campaign for Congress in the Tenth District and all indications point to a victory for him on Primary day.

August W. Miller has made a splendid record as county assessor and the Republican voters are going to re-nominate him by a big plurality on primary day.

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